

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:57
ANSWERED ON:01.03.2007
PROVISION FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether as per the guidelines of the Rehabilitation Council of India (RCI), each school in the States should have at least one special Educator and one resource centre for children with disabilities;
- (b) if so, the number of States which have such facilities in schools;
- (c) whether as per the survey conducted by the Ministry of Human Resource Development in consultation with RCI, most of the States have not fulfilled the RCI guidelines;
- (d) if so, the names of the States and the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to make some more provisions in favour of the children with disabilities in regard to education;
- (f) if so, the details thereof; and
- (g) the steps taken or being taken by the Government to ensure that each State fulfils the norms of RCI in regard to children with disabilities?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SMT. MEIRA KUMAR)

(a) to (g) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

A STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (g) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 57 TO BE ANSWERED ON 01.03.2007 TABLED BY SHRI ASADUDDIN OWAI SI REGARDING 'PROVISION FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

(a) to (g) Rehabilitation Council of India (RCI) has not issued any such guidelines. Education of children with disabilities in schools up to senior secondary level is promoted by Govt. of India through two schemes-Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) and Integrated Education for the Disabled Children (IEDC). The schemes aim at providing educational opportunities for disabled children in general schools by facilitating their inclusion, integration and retention. These schemes are implemented through the State Governments, UT Administrations and by Non-Governmental Organizations. In IEDC, over 2 lakh disabled children in over 90,756 schools were integrated during 2005- 06. In Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, out of 20.17 lakh identified children with disabilities, 15.60 lakh children have been enrolled in schools.